

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

The clerk read the roll. Mr. Kelly, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mayor Donnellon, Mr. Camp, Mr. Feldhaus, Ms. Westmark. Ms. Downs arrived at 6:32 p.m. All members were present.

Executive Session

At 6:32 p.m. Mayor Donnellon motioned to retire to executive session to consider the compensation of a public employee, per O.R.C. 121.22(G)1, and to discuss pending or imminent legislation, per O.R.C. 121.22(G)2. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

At 6:48 p.m. Mayor Donnellon motioned to reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Daily seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Feldhaus motioned to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2023 Council Meeting. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests

Patrick Hennigan – 7132 Delaware Avenue

Mr. Hennigan addressed Council to thank the Police & Fire Departments for their quick actions, the administration of life saving measures, and compassion for his family as he faced a medical emergency while walking in Deer Park recently.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark –

RESOLUTION 2023-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE \$150,000 OF FUNDING FOR CHAMBERLIN PARK MUSIC PAVILLION

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-17, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-17. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mr. Daily – yes, Ms. Downs – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the August 2023 Income Report. Ms. Downs seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the August 2023 Auditor Report. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp -

Mr. Camp presented the August 2023 Fire District report.

Mr. Feldhaus presented the August 2023 Police report. Chief Battin noted the police department is in the final stages of hiring a new officer to fill the department vacancy. The top candidate is Patrolman Ryan Faehr from Amberley Village. Welcome back Ryan! Ms. Downs added that new neighborhood watch signs will be installed throughout the city.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs –

Ms. Downs gave the following updates on Public Works projects:

- GCWW has completed their work on Hegner, Lafayette and Glenway. The project will move back to Plainfield Road in Silverton next. Public Works is preparing for leaf season, which is nearing.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus -

Mr. Feldhaus reported the final Party in the Park is set for Saturday, September 23. The grand raffle drawing will take place during the event.

Upcoming events are the Horse Races on November 11, Boo Fest on October 7 and the Tree Lighting ceremony on November 25.

Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Steering Committee – Neil Kelly

Mr. Kelly reported the committee met on Thursday, August 27.

- The committee expects to finalize their mission and vision statements at the September meeting. The committee expects to have a final version to submit to Council in November.
- The next meeting is Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous –

None.

Old Business

Mr. Pacheco reported the City has a vacant property ordinance, but it does not include single or multi-family residences. The topic will be included on the October 2 agenda for further discussion.

New Business

None.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor –

No report.

City Manager –

- The record commission will meet on October 16 at 5:00 p.m.
- Developers have shown interest in a potential development at the old bowling alley site.
- The trail in the park that leads to the parking lot will be repaved in conjunction with the music pavilion project.
- Computer wiring upgrades are needed throughout city hall. The project is expected to cost around \$20,000.
- Aggregation prices are starting to drop, which is good news.
- The We Thrive signs will be installed throughout Chamberlin Park soon. SORTA grant for Linden and Lake has been approved.

Mayor -

Mayor Donnellon noted Council has been invited to participate in the Deer Park High School Homecoming Parade on Thursday, September 21. The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Church and end at DPHS.

Volunteers are always welcome at Deer Park events, which is a great way to get involved.

Schedule

October 2, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

October 16, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

November 6, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

November 7, 2023 – Election Day

November 20, 2023 – Council Meeting

Thanksgiving Holiday – November 23 & 24 – City Offices closed

December 4, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

December 18, 2023 – Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Holiday – December 25 & 26 – City Office closed

Community Events

September 19, 2023 – Block Watch Meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Community Center

September 21, 2023 – Diversity and Inclusion Committee – 7:00 p.m.

September 30, 2023 – Congressman Greg Landsman Town Hall at Community Center – Noon

October 7, 2023 – BooFest – 6 – 10 p.m. at Chamberlin Park

October 17, 2023 - Block Watch Meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Community Center

October 21, 2023 – Block Watch CPR Training – 8 am – Noon – Fire District

November 11, 2023 – Armchair races – Doors open at 5 p.m. – Community Center

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 - Block Watch Meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Community Center

Monday, December 11, 2023 – Information Session – 7:00 p.m. at Deer Park Library

Party in the Park Dates

September 23 – Paisley Cane & Grand Raffle Drawing

Adjournment

Ms. Downs motioned to adjourn. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Meredith George
Clerk of Council